

Southern Forestry flexes its muscle in research shake-down

A group of South Island research agencies and interested parties has been established to take over some of the work that may be discarded in a re-organisation by Rotorua-based Forest Research.

The group, which involves the School of Forestry at Canterbury University, Lincoln University and Landcare, as well as industry parties, has established itself under the umbrella Southern Forestry Research (SoFor). SoFor has also had discussions with the Forest Industry Council, the Forest Owners Association as well as the Farm Forestry Association.

FR has been reviewing its scientific focus, with discussions centred on moving funding from some areas of research to key areas at the top of the value chain that have been identified, including wood-based solutions for the building market and the new opportunities in carbon credit trading. The main focus was to provide what are described as consumer-based solutions in a move away from harvesting and log exports.

This has seen a question mark raised over research into areas like alternative species, indigenous forestry and montane forestry. A number of companies with interests in growing alternative and/or indigenous species, have also taken an interest in SoFor.

A spokesman for the group, Eoin Garden, a farm forester and Institute member of Miller's Flat, Otago, said a management committee has been established. Discussions had been held with the Foundations for Research Science and Technology (FORST) to gain a mutual understanding of each side's aims and objectives. As the Journal was going to press, FORST and FR were negotiating their way through the proposed changes and the future role of SoFor would depend on the outcome of those talks.

However, the SoFor has made it clear to FORST that the industry did not want certain key forest-based research areas terminated and would contest the funding for those areas if necessary.

Businesses Offered New On-line Computer services

A new computer service developed by Rotorua forest managers PF Olsen and Company Ltd will be

competing against the nation's best in the Computer World Excellence Awards.

The project, which involves linking one of the Fletcher Challenge Forests key supplier groups, Core Contracting Ltd, to PF Olsen's

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MAF Log Prices

The log prices shown in these tables are reported by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry for the September Quarter 1999.

MAF notes: Returns to small growers may be lower than those recorded here owing to scale and buyers' margins. These log prices are historical and indicative only, and may not correspond to actual prices paid, or grades used, in market transactions. The prices are subject to changes when further data becomes available. The sources for this information are Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry industry contacts.

Generic Log Type & Pricing Point	September 1999 Quarter	September 1999 12-Quarter Median
EXPORT (NZ\$ per JAS m³ f.o.b.)		
Pruned	167-186	211
Unpruned A Grade	94-112	111
Unpruned J Grade	71-85	87
Unpruned K Grade	78-89	82
Pulp	59-61	50
DOMESTIC (NZ\$ per tonne delivered at mill)		
P1	146-175	175
P2	96-160	136
S1	84-93	98
S2	78-89	88
L1 and L2	51-82	67
S3 and L3	43-65	65
Pulp	28-39	39

Generic Log Type and Pricing Point	Dec 98 Quarter	Mar 99 Quarter	Jun 99 Quarter	Sept 99 Quarter
EXPORT (NZ\$ per JAS m³ f.o.b.)				
Pruned	190-240	186-200	180-198	167-186
Unpruned A Grade	99-114	93-119	104-107	94-112
Unpruned J Grade	61-85	78-89	70-89	71-85
Unpruned K Grade	53-87	52-92	72-83	78-89
Pulp	41-48	47-54	54-62	59-61
DOMESTIC (NZ\$ per tonne delivered at mill)				
P1	147-183	134-180	145-180	146-175
P2	115-183	112-130	108-145	96-160
S1	79-117	75-117	90-101	84-93
S2	71-100	71-97	78-90	78-89
L1 and L2	65-75	50-72	52-86	51-82
S3 and L3	56-79	56-80	45-62	43-65
Pulp	30-40	27-39	28-39	28-39

Internet Sites

To assist surfing the Net, the *NZ Journal of Forestry* provides readers with an up-to-date listing of all forestry-related sites on the Web. Forestry companies wishing to be listed should send their details to bms@wave.co.nz. Sites are listed by http unless otherwise stated.

Argentina www.mecon.ar/default.htm
Asia ARBEC www.arbec.com.my
Australia www.affar.au/home.html
AusTimber 2000 www.austforest.com.au
 Bureau of Rural Sciences Australia
www.brs.gov.au/
Austria www.bmlf.gv.at
Brazil
www.brazil.gov.br/inicio.htm
Canada
www.nrcan.gc.ca/cfs/cfs_e.html
 Northern Forest Research and Extension Partnership
<http://otaku.unbc.ca/nfrep>
University of British Columbia Wood Science
www.wood.ubc.ca
Chile:
Conaf www.conaf.cl
Instituto Forestal de Chile <http://www.infor.cl>
China www.asianet.com/china/csti-mof
Costa Rica
 CATIE (Tropical Agriculture Research and Education Center)
www.catie.ac.cr
CIDA Forestry Advisers Network
www.rcfa-cfan.org
Climate Change Calculator www.climcalc.net
European Forest Institute www.efi.fi/
Fiji www.fiji.gov.fj/m_agriclt/index.html
Forest fires www.uni-freiburg.de/fireglobe
For kids www.foresters.org/kidz
France www.afocel.fr
Germany www.bml.de
Global Association of On-line Foresters
www.foresters.org
Global Forest Watch www.wri.org/gfw/index.html
Greenplan www.greenplan.co.nz
Guyana
Images of TreesB www.stars-international.de
Iwokrama International Centre for Rain Forest Conservation and Development www.sdn.org.gy/iwokrama
India www.nic.in/envfor
 Indian Institute of Forest Management :
<http://education.vsnl.com/deep/index.html>
Various forestry books
www.vedamsbooks.com/forestry.htm
International Symposium on Remote Sensing of Environment
www.isrse.co.za

Ireland www.irlgov.ie
IUFRO SilvaVoc Project <http://iufro.boku.ac.at/iufro/silvavoc/>
Japan
Maruhon www.maruhon.com
Malaysia www.forestry.gov.my
NZ Journal of Forestry
www.southernhemisphereforestry.co.nz/nzjof/
www.canterubry.ac.nz/nzif/home.html
New Zealand
Anderson & O'Leary Ltd www.pinepac.co.nz
C&R Equipment Ltd www.es.co.nz/~crequip
Chandler Fraser Keating Ltd www.cfk.co.nz
Forest Industries Training www.training.org.nz
Geo-Systems Ltd www.geosys.co.nz
MAF www.maf.govt.nz
NZ Pine Manufacturers Assn www.pine.net.nz
Neilson Scott www.nzforestry.co.nz
Far North Afforestation Ltd www.fna.co.nz
Fletcher Challenge Ltd www.fcl.co.nz
Forest Research www.forestresearch@cri.nz
Evergreen Forests Limited www.evergreen.co.nz
PF Olsen & Co www.pfolsen.co.nz
Pinepac Exports Ltd www.pinepac.co.nz
Roger Dickie (NZ) Ltd www.rogerdickie.co.nz
Port of Tauranga www.port-tauranga.co.nz
Port of Wellington www.portwgtn.co.nz
Porter Engineering www.portereng.com
Saito VIP Bureau Ltd www.saito.co.nz
Terralink NZ Ltd www.termlink.co.nz
Timberlands West Coast www.timberlands.co.nz
Transplant Systems Ltd
www.transplantsystems.com.au
Wilco Forestry Equipment
www.forestrycultivator.co.nz
Russia [Forestry Club] <http://cci.glasnet.ru/forest-club>
Society of American Foresters www.safnet.org
South Africa www.dwaf.pwv.gov.za/idwaf
 Southern Hemisphere Forestry
www.southernhemisphereforestry.co.nz/
Sri Lanka www.lk/Government.html
SGS Société Générale de Surveillance Holding SA
www.sgsgroup.com
United Kingdom www.forestry.gov.uk
CAB International <http://tree.cabweb.org>
United Nations (FAO) www.fao.org
United States of America www.fx.fed.us
USDA Forest Service International News
www.fs.fed/global/news/
US Natural Resources www.usner.com
University of Missouri Center for Agroforestry
www.missouri.edu/~umca
Rayonier www.shareholder.com/rayonier
World Stewardship Council www.ecostewards.org/
Woodstock/Stanley www.remsoft.com/

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computer server is a major departure in the way most companies run their computing systems in Rotorua.

PF Olsen and Company Ltd, which is better known for its leading role in forestry, is now making available to businesses its application service provider (ASP) system.

The company has installed a new server "farm" and can offer an expanded network of services to a range of small to medium sized companies.

New master's degree offered at Lincoln

Opportunities to improve individual and company performance in the transport industry are being offered in a new master's degree from Lincoln University.

It is one of five specialist courses in a new professional studies programme, starting in February and offered initially in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch. Each is focused on the professional development of people in the workplace, from undergraduates to senior executives.

They are off-campus courses for people who want further tertiary qualifications without being committed to full-time enrolment, or on-campus lecture schedules.

Professor Tony Zwart, director of professional studies at Lincoln University, said the new master's studies were an important initiative in Lincoln's development of programmes for line-long off-campus learning.

"The world is moving faster, changing faster, and more than ever people must be able to update their personal skills," he said.

The courses were specialised to reflect industry needs for better qualified and capable people. They had been built around the industries and professional areas where Lincoln University had extensive relationships and teaching and research experience.

Native tree forum attracts huge response

New Zealand's ability to take full advantage of its varied natural

forestry resource is being seriously impeded by the sector's focus on exotic species. This was one of the main conclusions to come from a Native Tree Forum held at Waikato University in early October.

Applicants for Registrations Review

The following person has applied to become a Registered Forestry Consultant:

John Hornby Nelson

The following Registered Forestry Consultants have applied for their Five Yearly Review:

Alan Laurie Waimate
Jim Carle Mt Maunganui

Under the NZIF constitution, any members of the Institute may send objections in writing within 20 days of Journal publication to:

The Registrar, NZIF Registration Board, PO Box 1340, Rotorua.

Rotorua members fill Registration Board positions

There was a good number of Institute members willing to sit on the Institute Registration Board, when two positions were up for election earlier this year.

The Board has two members who represent the Registered Forestry Consultants. One of these positions became available after Peter Keach (Rotorua) stepped down after seven years of exceptional service to the Board.

Due to a high percentage of ambiguous returns, the election for this position had to be run again, using a clearer form. Congratulations go to Theo Vos (Rotorua) for being the successful candidate.

The second position was for the election of a Members' Representative. This position became available following the death of John Holloway of Wellington. This election saw two candidates willing to stand, with Dave Field of Rotorua being successful.

The Institute thanks those members who put themselves forward for election.

The Consultants' Representative position is for a term of two years, while the Members' Representative is for a term of four years.

LINCOLN UNIVERSITY



China link provides window

In October, Hugh Bigsby and Don Mead spent two weeks as guests of Nanjing Forestry University. The visit, funded by Asia 2000 and Nanjing Forestry University, was a follow up to an earlier visit by faculty staff from Nanjing Forestry University to New Zealand.

The purpose of the visit was to facilitate the development of collaborative linkages between Lincoln University and Nanjing Forestry University. Future linkages could include exchanges of staff and students, and joint research projects. During the trip, visits were made to natural and plantation forest and to wood processing plants.

The link with Nanjing Forestry University is seen as an important step in providing a 'window' for forestry education in China, and in assisting New Zealand students understanding the forest sector in China.

-Hugh Bigsby

WAIARIKI INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

New courses and visitors

In collaboration with WINZ and two sawmills, a half-year wood processing programme has been offered to students from Te Kuiti. The programme consists of theory classes delivered in Te Kuiti, one week study blocks at TiTC's training